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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims without prejudice:

In Claim 4, line 1, please delete "or 4";

In Claim 7, line 1, after "1 to 6", please add -or 21--;

In Claim 14, line 1, please delete "or 13".

Please add the following claims:

--21. A PMGS according to claim 4 wherein the amylase is α -amylase.

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